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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India will become the first country to have the Sukhoi Su-30 MKI, two-seater multi-purpose fighter, the Russo-Indian Variant;

(b) if so, the details thereabout along with the features of the Su-27UB and the Su-30 aircraft; and

(c) the extent to which our pilots have become familiar with its flights and other techniques?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Su-27 UB is the trainer version of the Su-27 aircraft and has Russian avionics.The Su-30 MKI aircraft; though a derivative of the Su-27, is a twin seater with canards and thrust vectoring. This aircraft has state of the art avionics suite of Western origin. The Su-30 aircraft is a multi purpose `Air Superiority fighter`.

(c) The IAF has operationalised this aircraft and has evolved tactics to employ it in the existing operational scenario.